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President's Message:

Art Kruegel, BSA President

Greetings to all. Here's hoping all are enjoying fall. I know that I am personally glad that the last leaf finally fell! (Cutting grass & mulching leaves is for October, not November!) We finally got our 5er 'winterized' only to see it being pulled out of our driveway on its way for deer hunting today. Here's hoping that our son (and all hunters) has a safe and productive hunt. I would like to tell you about our Veterans Day. We attended a "Thank you Veterans" presentation at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Monday, November 12th along with Bud &

Ruth White. There were about 400 veterans plus the entire student body present. The vets ranged in age from the young (that being younger than 40 to me!) to a lot with gray hair. (Like me!) After we were served a nice breakfast by the students, we (the veterans) all walked into the gym together with the entire student body standing. What a feeling that was! There was the "Presentation of Colors", (The United States Flag) by a "Color Guard", the "Introduction of Taps", (which brought more than a tear to my

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Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year!

Notes from the Publisher

Please remember this newsletter is yours and the content is entirely dependent on the submissions from you; the members.

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President's Message Continued; Art Kruegel, BSA President

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my eyes) a short opening devotion and an introduction of the 14 students that already signed up for military service. The Guest Speaker was Staff Sargent John Wayne Walding, a former member of the U.S. Army Green Beret. Sergeant Walding lost his right leg in battle in Afghanistan from sniper fire. While his description of war was a bit rough at times, I felt it was proper for the students to hear first hand what war is really like. At the end of his presentation he received a well deserved standing ovation from all. While this was the first Veterans Day recognition I attended, it definitely will not be the last.

Now for "what's happening" in the Badger State

Association. We did not have a 'fall' get together as we goofed at our August meeting. We should have at least set a date for the outing, as all functions of the BSA must be approved by the membership. (There were a lot of things going on after the closing the Great Lakes Regional and it just was not brought up at our meeting.)

The next meeting of the Badger State Association will be February 9th, 2019 at Benny's Café, 5354 S. 27th St., Milwaukee

Lunch on your own.

Meeting to start @ 1:30 PM.

The Wiscows will have a suggestion at the meeting for the BSA annual Campvention in June, 2019.

State Director's Message

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

It's that time again, coming back from Fort Wayne I realized its Badger Banner report time. We only had 19 at our gathering, and we all had a good time. Five Crowns was the card game of the weekend. Also a homemade game of "Sticks" was played. Popsicle sticks had special instructions on it for each hand and the goal was getting 7 sticks. It played like Rummy. Quidde was another card game of "Words" that was played.

On a FCRV note, it is an election year and they have 2 vacancies to fill, if you are interested in running there is a contact list in Camping Today. Jan is running again for Comptroller. But, they are still looking for candidates for VP of Planning and Development, and VP of Operations. If you are interested and want to know about their jobs let me know and I will get you that information.

We talked about the RV Show season that is approaching. The major shows like we work in Milwaukee, or the Green Bay and Madison shows, are one type. Then there are the dealer shows they hold at the dealerships. They are both types we may need to look at for new members. Chapters

near popular dealerships may want to concentrate on them. Some members could have purchased their units from that dealer. We talked about those people helping to work the booth exhibiting the proper image of those we are targeting for new members. Empty nesters, and the growing number of new retired couples embarking on a RV lifestyle activity, seem to make up a large number of RV buyers. The active young adults with their toy haulers and ATV's are another group emerging on the RV scene. FCRV is a great fit for both groups. Having a good background in FCRV and its benefits and activities will help to entice prospective members to join. A campout schedule available to present will help find out when they can join us, it can also bring out if they are not concerned about traveling. In many cases that is why they are getting an RV or attending a show. (We have had those available at our show, because you get me your schedules ahead of time). Our RV Show in Milwaukee is the first weekend in March, Feb 28-Mar 3 at State Fair Park. If your chapter decides to set up a table at your local dealership, (continued on page 6)

Chapterter News

Foxtrotter News

Dahle Enneper

Greetings from the Foxtrotters:

The campers are snuggled up ready for a long winters nap and we are already counting the days to start camping again. Ended the season with camping at Ledge Park. It was a great weekend and the Rainmaker lived up to its name. It was a great time to meet new friends and to catch up with old friends. Looking forward to see everyone in December for our get together. Ken and I will probably have my dad with

us, he is temporarily staying with us till a better plan is figured out. Stay warm and have a Happy Thanksgiving and if we don't see you all we wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Great 2019!



WISCOWS MOO NEWS

Trisha Chartier

At our last campout we had our elections. Art Kruegel who has served as our president for at least the last 5 years chose not to run again as he is now the President of Badger State Association.

Vice President Don Oldenburg who has been our Vice President sold his camper this year, he felt the position should go to someone who is actually camping.

Our new officers are:

President Tricia Chartier

Vice President Jan Crushing

Treasure Nancy Gittel

Secretary Joann Wollinger

We will be at the Milwaukee RV show Feb. 28th, March 1, 2 & 3rd, 2019.

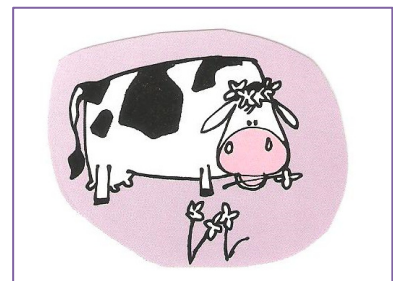
Please let us know if you would like to come and help us with the show. Contact Jan or Kip Crushing 262-914-5950 or 262-914-5951.

Our January meeting is Jan. 26th, 2-??

Benny's Cafe

5354 S 27th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221

Please let us know if you are planning on attending.



Program News

Disaster Awareness & Safety Awareness Training (DASAT)

Art Kruegel

TIS' THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY,

but also

TO BE SAFE!

While doing some research for a meaningful article, I had several thoughts:

- 1) Winterizing your RV. (But then I think I already covered this subject before.)
- 2) Winterizing your car/truck. (But again, it has been covered.)
- 3) Safe winter driving habits. (Again, see above.)
- 4) How about something new?

Just this week, I was called to check on a foul odor in our church basement. The janitor said she smelled something, but was unsure of the source. Upon checking, I also smelled an odor, and located it coming from the furnace room. I called the Gas Company thinking it may be one of the furnace's malfunctioning. The tech using his 'sniffer' (A electronic devise to check for Carbon Monoxide) found traces of CO in the furnace room. He then checked the exhaust outside and found a lot more than a trace, (like 2000ppm, way more than normal) and returned to the furnace room and shut down the 'bad' furnace.

A word to the wise: *If you smell a foul odor anywhere near your furnace, either you or an expert(i.e. gas*

company tech,) check it out. It does not take a lot of carbon monoxide to (the silent killer) take your life! Have your furnace checked by a qualified heating person before it is too late.

While I am on your house. Now is the time that rodents (mice) want to come in where it is warm and a supply of food.) If you do as I do, I put the 'pellets' around the in the basement, especially where food is stored, **please** be sure that you put the pellet's where pets and CHILDREN CANNOT FIND THEM OR GET TO THEM! The mice will smell them and make a *last* meal out of them.

I know, I might be 'preaching to the choir' but sometimes a gentle reminder just might make a difference in the final outcome.

ONE LAST ITEM:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

LOOKING FORWARD TO

SEEING EVERYONE

in

FEBRUARY!

STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (Continued)

Kip Cushing, Wisconsin State Director

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and you need membership forms or literature please contact me as soon as possible?

We reviewed next year's regional campout at the Iroquois County Fairgrounds in Watseka, IL July 31-Aug 4. They have many things planned such as Pet CPR and First Aid, Cast Iron Cooking Demo, Craft sessions, Pet Parade, and a Craft & Flea Market. Saturday evening is a "Murder Mystery Dinner" which I believe will be quite fun. Watch for registration form in banner.

We decided to have our State Directors training/meeting at the regional campouts in the future. So, that means the Quacker Chapter members flocking and migration to Fort Wayne in November will be just a fun get together. We have moved the dates back one week to the first weekend in November. This leaves those Veterans the ability to take part in activities in their hometown location. Or should there be a FCRV Veteran Campout scheduled it would allow them to attend both gatherings. Snowbirds could leave earlier. Kentucky Colonels will have a week or two before their outing to attend.

Jan and I are starting to plan our campouts for next year early. The Retiree Rally is in March in Houma, LA southwest of New Orleans at the Civic Center parking lot with hookups for water and electric. Jan has decided on a Swamp tour already. Reservations for Army Corp of Eng. campgrounds can be made as well for the trip down and our roving afterwards. We are considering a Daniel O'Donnell concert campout in June. They are

working hard on National CV next year in Hutchinson, KS and still have some openings to fill. If you are interested in taking on a job let me know, I will get you in touch with the Chairman of CV. If you come they will also have volunteer signup sheets available.

The WisCows are hosting the February meeting and I have Saturday, Feb 9 marked on my calendar, where is still being checked out. But, for now mark Feb 9 to attend the meeting. If you haven't winterized your unit yet it is going to be making ice soon on our lakes, I wouldn't put it off much longer.

Safe travels this winter

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**



Kip and Jan



Happy Birthday!



Beth Camp	November 24th
Debbie Maciejewski	December 16th
Cheryl Berg	December 26th
Marian Capek	January 4th
Jim Camp	January 10th
Ray Suennen	January 31st

Don't let us overlook that most important dates!
Send your special dates to badgerbanner@gmail.com



Happy Anniversary!



Bud & Ruth White	December 9th
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CAMPOUTS & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT / LOCATION	CITY, STATE	HOST
2018 - 2019			
Dec 8, 2018	Making Spirits Bright	Sheboygan	Entertainment Committee
Jan 26, 2019	Benny's Cafe	Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
February 9, 2019	Benny's Cafe	Milwaukee	Wis-Cows
Feb 28, March 1 - 3, 2019	Milwaukee RV Show	West Allis	State Director and BSA Volunteers
May 24 - 27, 2019	Get Acquainted Campout	Walworth Co Fairgrounds Elkhorn	State Director
June 2019	Wisconsin State Campout	TBD	Wis-Cows
July 7 - 13, 2019	FCRV National Campvention	Kansas State Fairgrounds Hutchinson, Kansas	Heartland Region FCRV Volunteers
2019	Great Lakes Regional	TBD	TBD
Sept / Oct 2019	Celebration Campout	TBD	Wis-Cows

Please Submit your Camping Schedule to be added to this Calendar!

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BSA MEETING / GATHERING INFORMATION

DATE	LOCATION	HOST
2018		
February 9th	VFW - Kiel	Foxtrotters
April	TBA	Entertainment Committee
June 8th - 10th	Brown Co. Fairgrounds	Foxtrotters
August 1st - 5th	Brown Co. Fairgrounds	State Director/Field Staff
December 8th	Sheboygan	Entertainment Committee

BSA GET-TOGETHER

The Get-Together is Saturday, December 8th, 2018 at the Making Spirits Bright (Drive-Through Holiday Lights Show) Members that would like to meet before hand for a meal, will meet at Luigis Italian Restaurant, 2910 Kohler Memorial Drive, Sheboygan, WI. A room will be reserved for us at Luigis. Time to meet is 3:30 pm. To view Luigis menu go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/luigis/sheboygan/>

After eating at Luigis, our group will attend "Making Spirits Bright" at Evergreen Park. We will gather together at the Quarryview Center, 3401 Calumet Drive for a trolley ride through the Christmas Lights Display. The trolley is heated and enclosed so regardless of the weather, everyone will stay warm & dry. Tickets are \$2.00 per person to ride the trolley. The light display is at Evergreen Park which is across the street from the Quarryview Center.

Inside Quarryview Center are Christmas displays,

Santa and entertainment. The Quarryview Center opens at 5:00 pm and the first trolley ride starts at 5:15 pm. The following groups will be performing at the Quarryview Center;
 5:30 pm - South High Jazz Band,
 6:30 pm - South High Show Choir and at
 7:30 pm - Wide Blue Sky (duet/small band).

Donations for the food pantries are being collected at the Making Spirits Bright Light Show. This is voluntary and not required since we are riding the trolley. For more information, go to the website: www.MakingSpiritsBright.com

Please email me by Thursday, Dec. 6, at badgerbanner@gmail.com if you plan to attend Luigis for the meal.

Hope to see a good turnout, however it is understandable if the weather doesn't cooperate. Please don't risk driving to Sheboygan if the weather turns out to be unsafe to travel.



'Twas the night before
 Christmas,
 When all through the house,
 Not a creature was stirring,
 Not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung
 by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas
 soon would be there;

The children were nestled
 all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums
 danced in their heads;

And Mamma in her 'kerchief,
 and I in my cap,
 Had just settled down
 for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn
 there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed
 to see what was the matter.

Away to the window
 I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters
 and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the
 new-fallen snow
 Gave the luster of mid-day
 to objects below,

The Night Before Christmas

When, what to my
 wondering eyes should appear.
 But a miniature sleigh,
 and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver,
 so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment
 it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles
 his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted,
 and called them by name;

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer!
 Now, Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! On Cupid!
 On, Donder, and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch!
 To the top of the wall!
 Now, dash away!
 Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before
 the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacl
 mount to the sky,

So up to the house-top
 the coursers they flew,
 With the sleigh full of toys,
 and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling,
 I heard on the roof
 the prancing and pawing
 of each little hoof.

As I drew in my hand,
 and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas
 came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur,
 from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all
 tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys,
 he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler
 just opening his pack.

His eyes- how they twinkled!
 His dimples- how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses,
 his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth
 was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard of his chin
 was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe
 he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke, it encircled
 his head like a wreath;



He had a broad face
 and a little round belly,
 That shook, when he laughed
 like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump,
 a right jolly old elf,
 and I laughed when I saw him,
 in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye
 and a twist of his head,
 Soon gave me to know
 I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word,
 but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings;
 then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger
 aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod
 up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh,
 to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew
 like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim,
 as he drove out of sight,
 "HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
 AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!
 HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
 AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"

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